

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Conference Report Adopted by the House.

PUBLIC WAR EXISTS IN CUBA

Sharp Talk in the Senate on Amendments to the Postoffice Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The house today adopted the conference report on the Cuban resolutions by a vote of 244 to 27, and passed the river and harbor appropriations bill under suspension of the rules, after a lively debate of forty minutes, by a vote of 216 to 40. The report on the Cuban resolutions had been debated Friday and Saturday and today was taken up immediately after the reading of the journal. Eighteen Republicans and nine Democrats voted against the report. After the most determined opposition of those opposed to the recognition of the insurgents in the senate and house, there was but ten more votes against the report than against the original resolutions. The former vote was 203 to 17. By its action today the house acquiesced in the senate resolutions and disposed of the Cuban question for the present. Those resolutions were as follows:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of congress, a condition of public war exists between the government of Spain and the government of Cuba, and that the United States of America should maintain a strict neutrality between the belligerents, according to each of the rights of belligerents in the ports and territory of the United States.

Resolved, Further, that the friendly offices of the United States should be given by the president to the Spanish government for the recognition of the independence of Cuba.

The river and harbor bill passed today, carries in actual appropriations \$1,330,580, and in contingent expenses \$100,000. It contains a number of amendments, with a limit of cost of \$21,722,210. Only forty minutes' debate was allowed. Mr. Hooper, chairman of the river and harbor committee, attempted to amend the bill, but was overruled. Mr. Maguire, Democrat of California, and then Mr. Grosvenor, Republican of Ohio, objected. The debate was very spirited. Mr. Dockery, Democrat of Missouri, attempted to amend the bill, but it was proposed to extend the "continuing contract" system on the bill—a natural result, he claimed, of the policy of giving the government's promise to pay the cost of the work.

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FUNDING BILL READY

THE SUB-COMMITTEE REACH AN AGREEMENT.

Some Immaterial Changes May Be Made by the Main Committees.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The senate spent the entire day on the postoffice appropriation bill, but did not complete it. The bill served to bring out some sharp criticisms by Senator Gurnea on the administration of the postoffice department, and by Senator Allen on alleged irregularities resulting from the civil service system, the pending question being that of consolidating country and urban postoffices as adjuncts to city postoffices.

Mr. Wolcott advocated the reform as essential to the present postal service of the country, small postoffices being created at the rate of over 3000 a year, and the aggregate number of postoffices in the country was 15,000. He believed the change would do away with the system of giving possible rewards for political service. The Democratic majority of the administration, and the Republican majority of the postoffice department, were in agreement.

FASTED FORTY DAYS.

Schluter, the Reeler, Performs Miraculous Feats.

SILVER CITY, N. M., April 6.—Francisco Schluter, the reeler, is now at Pleasanton, a small town in Western Socorro county, and is traveling westward toward Arizona. He appeared at Pleasanton last Friday, having been several weeks in retreat among the Mexicans in the small ranch towns in Socorro county performing cures. He says he does not know where his next stopping place will be, but he is claimed to be a reeler.

TRAFFIC MANAGER NAMED.

A Southern Pacific Man Appointed for the Valley Road.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—John Mose, who for twenty years has been assistant local freight agent of the Southern Pacific Company, was today appointed traffic manager for the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad.

A Horrible Death.

PACIFIC, April 6.—David E. Morgan, a mining man from Cincinnati, died a horrible death at Stanton yesterday. He started to picket a span of mules with a rope tied around his arm, when the mules took fright, ran away and pulled Morgan's arms out against the rocks.

No fewer than four bicyclists a day are sold in Fresno, on an average.

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THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

The Glad Easter Time and
Reverend Johnson.

A SONG FOR THE EASTER MORN

The Small Boys and Their Tobacco.

The Defective Arch—Some
Other Truck.

Fruit Growers Meet.

Regular Session of the Horticultural
Society.

To Market Raisins.

The Necessity of Prompt Ac-
tion.Letter From the President of the
California Wine Makers' Corporation.

Editorial Comment.

On Easter morn how the popples grow.

And the meadow sings as the sun comes up.

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COALINGA OIL FIELD

Visit to the Interesting
District.

NOTES AND SCENES BY THE WAY

Overland Drive With the Manager
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BERRA'S EXPERIENCE.

He Was Robbed of a Large Sum
of Money.

From Saturday's Daily.

B. Berra and Louis Spinetti, citizens of
Merced, came to Fresno on Thursday
evening. They had attended diligently
to work for several months past and
when they came to Fresno they pro-
ceeded to celebrate their vacation. A
tour of the saloons was the first number
on the program.It was past midnight when they re-
turned to the hotel and they then secured
a room jointly in an upstairs lodging
house.Yesterday Berra awoke and found him-
self alone in the room, and he distinctly
remembered that Spinetti had gone to
bed with him. Spinetti had been taken
from the room and Berra thought of
the \$350 with which he had come to
Fresno. He immediately felt in his
pocket for it, and it was gone. So was
Spinetti, and Berra thinks that the
money went with him.He has made several fortunes, and,
playing to hard luck, on occasion, has
lost them. His pluck, however, is in-
exhaustible, and he possesses that sort
of industry which never tires.This gentleman is personally ac-
quainted with some of the most promi-
nent speculators and politicians of the
country. He knew "Old John" of
Oil City, Penn., in his palmy days.
He recalls the time when this "Old
John" drove his carriages through the
streets of Oil City with his sides
decked with \$1000 greenbacks.He is not broke by a long chalk, but
owns an elegant ranch near the town of
Selma by the name of Frank Barrett,
and having been a steamboat captain for
many years on the Ohio and Mississippi
rivers, is commonly called "Captain
Barrett."The gentleman is now in charge of an
enterprise which is not only of great im-
portance to himself and his associates,
but also to the people of this city and
country.The undertaking referred to is that of
developing the fields in the south-
western part of this country, a few miles
north of Coalinga station, on the Huron
branch of the Southern Pacific railroad.The trip mentioned at the outset of
this article is for the purpose of in-
vestigating this district in person.This was found after a drive of about
sixty-five miles from Selma via Grange-
ville, Lemoore and Hanford, through some
of the most magnificent fruit country to
be seen in California.Bordering the public highway between
Grangeville and Lemoore are the most
extensive orchards of Fresno. French
orchards in the state. The trees in these
orchards vary from two to five years old,
and all seemed to be in perfect condi-
tion.Near the terminus of this long drive,
between Hanford and the end of the rail-
way line, is one of the most successful
stock raisers in the state. He is found
at his ranch.Stacks of alfalfa dot the landscape in
every direction, while cattle, horses and
hogs are to be seen in large numbers in
many fields.Beyond this stock farm lies Pleasant
valley, a beautiful expanse of wheat
land, and a fine mountain range, which
extends into the valley for several miles,
and the main Coast range on the west
and north.Passing through this valley, toward
the south, we encounter a granite and
diorite range, which we traverse for three
miles and—there you are—Camp
Barratt, more recently christened Oil
City.Three derricks, one of the largest size,
gaze the eye on the approach to the
camp.Beside these there are four or five
bunk houses where the men sleep and a
long "hotel" for eating house presided
over by a Mexican cook.There are two gangs of men for each
of the two steam drills which change off
at regular intervals, and thus these
machines are hammering away at all
hours of the day and night.The "oil" men are running down the
slopes of the hillsides, while the air in
the vicinity seems enlivened with gas
and fumes of tar.The wells have been sunk in this dis-
trict at various times in years past but
nothing like the present developments
has ever been attempted.The scribbles to many experienced
petroleum miners and prospectors at the
camp and all agree that there never has
been more sure looking prospects for oil
than is afforded at this camp.The sharp advance in the price of
crude oil at Los Angeles lends consid-
erable interest to this enterprise. It seems
to have a good price for the output of
any amount of California crude oil.A marked and highly encouraging
feature of the Coalinga oil field is its high-grade
—large per cent of illuminating oil.The San Joaquin Valley Oil and
Supply company, of which Captain Barrett
is the manager, will probably
present a business proposition soon to
the citizens of Fresno respecting the
establishment of an oil refinery.This crude petroleum, which is almost
pure, is of great value in many industries,
will be piped to a refinery in this city or
Hanford. It will be a question largely
of best facilities and "indemnities" as
to which place will be the site of this
refinery.The development work seems to be in
good hands, a liberal sum of money is
being expended in prospecting it, and
there is every reasonable prospect of a
large production of petroleum at this
camp in the near future. W. R. M.

THE WHEELS TURNED.

OPENING DAY AT THE ELECTRIC
POWER HOUSE.Preparations for Placing the Last
Joint of Pipe Down the
Mountains.On Monday morning next at 3 o'clock
the last joint of the San Joaquin Elec-
tric Company's pipe line will be in-
serted. By carefully noting thermometer
observations it was determined that the
minimum temperature for each twenty-
four hours at the power house occurs at
3 in the morning. Hence at that time
the length of the pipe, due to the con-
traction of the metal, is a minimum and
the joint can be fitted to a nicety.By temporarily inserting a joint of
pipe Friday night the water was turned
on the wheels and a test of two hours
was made to the entire satisfaction of
the company. The water was turned on
the incorporation of the company who were
present to witness the test. The substi-
tution in Fresno was not ready to re-
ceive the current, consequently it was
not sent over the wire to this city. It
was turned on at a power house near
Hanford and the lights produced were
brilliant and steady. Within a
short time the current will be turned on
the line to Fresno. The contract for
lighting the city begins April 15th.A force of men is at work stringing
lines in this city and another force is
putting up lines to vineyards east of
Fresno. Just one year and one day from
the incorporation of the company the
water was turned on the wheels.For spraying trees, making soap,
cleaning and purifying shells, drains,
closets and waste pipes nothing equals
Red Seal Lye. Fine granulated and
packed in shifting top cans.

POLITICS STIRRING.

Question of Tenure Still
Uncertain.

THE CANDIDATES TALKED OF

Democrats, Republicans and Popu-
list Are Willing to Serve
Their Country.

From Sunday's Daily.

The matter of the two or four year
tenure question is still as uncertain a
state as it has ever been. It is expected
that the supreme court will get around
to settle it some time next month, and
until then the matter will be among the
uncertainties. It appears that the su-
preme court may decide either way, and
follow law.Notwithstanding the uncertainty of the
question, attention is drawn to politi-
cians in a local way. It is the prelimi-
nary "talking of" candidates, the ex-
pressions among the party members of
"who would be a good man to run for
such and such a place."Of course there are a number who
have already made their candida-
tures. This is particularly true in the
Republican party. Democratic candi-
dates appear very scarce and it seems to
be a matter of getting some one to run.
It is difficult to find a candidate very
probably if there is an election this fall.
The Republicans mentioned for the
place are Countess William Shaw,
Justice of the Peace St. John, Supervisor
H. E. Barnum and City Engineer E. A. Smith.
For district attorney, Mark Walter and
George W. Jones, the present assistant,
have been talked of. District Attorney
Shaw may run again. City Clerk J. W. Shanks and E. T.
W. White are candidates for the nomi-
nation for county clerk.For treasurer, J. E. Whitson will
probably run again. George A. Smith
has also been spoken of for the place.
H. E. Barnum, who is a candidate for
supervisor in the third district, is
P. Wickham will probably be a candi-
date for re-nomination. In connection
with this place E. C. Adams, C. H. Sweet,
C. J. Crayner and several others have
been mentioned. The Democrats who are
ready to become candidates is W. W. Phillips.
He wants the place so long held by
"Dad" Litcher on the Board of Super-
visors. Mr. Phillips resides on the
corner of Taylor and Second streets.
He is active at work, and it is said
that a unanimous road out Blackstone
avenue from the city to the river has
already been promised.There are two Democrats who want to
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meeting yesterday was opposed to this
plan. There was a strong delegation
from Selma, Hanford and other places
beside other country Democrats and a
number from this city, who took a firm
stand against it. It had been noted
that an attempt would be made to
send a Southern Pacific delegation to
the state convention, and it was felt
therefore necessary to take the selection
of delegates out of the hands of the
people.The meeting at DaWitt hall was
called to order by Dr. Mangum. He
stated the purpose of the meeting and
suggested that the central committee
meet formally and listen to expressions
of opinion from the visiting Democrats.
The meeting was then opened and it
was decided to hold the mass meeting
first, and then the central committee
could meet and act upon the mass meet-
ing's suggestions. There the first sign
of opposition showed itself and it was
clear that the "opposition" was in full
control.The organization of the mass meeting
was perfected by the selection of W. T.
Osborn as chairman and James A. Ward
as secretary.Senator Gocher spoke in favor of
leaving to the central committee the
selection of the delegates to the county
convention, to "save expense of pri-
maries."J. T. Tucker of Selma moved that the
delegates be selected by primaries, and
that the delegates so selected meet in
convention and elect delegates to the
state convention, which will choose dele-
gates to the national convention.The decision followed. Finally W. D. Gady
wrote out the following resolution,
moved its adoption and it was carried:
Resolved, That it is the sense of the
meeting that the Democratic county
central committee make arrangements
and issue a call for primaries for the
selection of delegates in the various pre-
cincts throughout the county, to a
county convention to be held in the city
of Fresno at such time as the county
committee may see proper.Only one voice was heard in opposi-
tion to the resolution. The mass meet-
ing then adjourned.The central committee convened at
once and went into executive session.
A ballot was taken and it was decided
to hold primaries on May 23d and the
convention on June 5th. It was further
decided that primaries should be held in
King'sburg, Selma, Reedley,
Fresno, Hanford, and in all other
precincts the delegates shall be selected
as the local Democrats may determine.

CITRUS TREE PLANTING.

Noted Developments in Fresno
County's Thermal Belt.

From Saturday's Daily.

Our thermal belt is developing in a
very encouraging way, due largely to
the subdivision of large tracts into five
and ten acre lots. J. M. Kilgore, who
recently purchased almost the entire
town of Cantwellville, together with two
large tracts of land adjacent, has sub-
divided into five acre lots and sold sev-
eral pieces, his terms being so easy that
a person with \$300 or \$400 can take
a lot, put on a house, and grow oranges
or lemons and by paying \$100 or so on pur-
chase price of the land give a mortgage
at low interest and long time on the bal-
ance. W. G. Urledge has also sub-
divided a tract close to Cantwellville into
five and ten acre lots, selling on some-
what similar terms to J. M. Kilgore, and
E. G. Berry's tract is subdivided into
twenty acre lots, and can be pur-
chased on very easy terms. It is ex-
pected that the small holding is what
people would like a citrus grove but feel
that they cannot afford to get one, but
if they can place it within the thermal
belt of anyone with small means; a good sal-
ary; or with a good team to do work in
payment for land. One or two parties
working on salary have bought of Mr.
Kilgore, and Mr. Urledge are putting out
a tract each. Marshall Brothers are
putting out a citrus nursery; W. G.
Urledge is adding between 40,000 and
50,000 trees to his nursery; and many
others are putting out orange and lemon
trees. Further out in the valley John Lee of
San Francisco is putting out ten acres of
lemons, and near town several small
groves have been planted. C. J. Gray-
son has put out four acres, H. E. Barnum
two acres, and J. E. Whitson two acres.
W. G. Urledge three acres on Kearney
avenue, M. T. Kearney five acres, and
hundreds of others have put out from a
dozen to fifty trees. All this planting
will be a great benefit to the thermal
belt, and it is hoped that the time of
the vineyard and deciduous or-
chards are bare of leaf, besides yielding
a good return on money invested in them.At this time, when nearly every in-
dustry is languishing and there seems
to be little or no money in anything, it
is refreshing to see something that is
paying well, as orange and lemon grow-
ing, and it comes to be as safe as it
is remunerative.

BOYS AND TOBACCO.

A CRUSADE INSTITUTED AGAINST
THE VICE.M. J. Aguirre Arrested and Fined
for Selling the Article to
a Minor.

From Saturday's Daily.

City School Superintendent T. L.
Heston yesterday filed a complaint in
Justice Austin's court, charging M. J.
Aguirre with selling tobacco to a minor
in an unlawful manner. Aguirre is the
proprietor of a grocery store at the cor-
ner of J and Ventura streets.The storekeeper was taken before Jus-
tice Austin, where he admitted that he
had sold some tobacco to a 9-year-old
boy. He said, however, that the boy
had stated to him that his father had
sent him for the tobacco. Aguirre was
arrested and fined \$5.00 and costs.
He said that the youngster
came to the store in such a matter-of-
fact way and threw the money on the
counter "for tobacco for papa," that he
did not suspect deception.Justice Austin has the statute again
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WANT INFORMATION

Twelve Thousand Dollars Still Missing.

SACRAMENTO MAY BE VISITED

The Supervisors Duty—Trouble Over

Mann School District—Reports Filed.

From Wednesday's Talk.

The committee appointed to hunt the

missing \$12,000 from the Mann school

district, have not yet found it. The board

of supervisors yesterday authorized

Peter C. Johnson to procure from the

state comptroller such information as is

necessary to complete his report on

Fresno county's share in this Mann

district and fund, which appears to

be missing. Mr. Johnson and S. L.

Hogans were appointed by the board to

investigate the condition of this fund

from the organization of the county till

the present time. They have prosecuted

their inquiry as far as possible with the

records at hand, but in order to com-

plete the investigation they find it neces-

sary to consult state records.

Some time ago a new school district

was formed by the supervisors and

named Mann. Since that time the

people affected have been protesting

their disaffection with the district, claim-

ing that it cuts other districts in an

undue way. They have asked for a

rehearing, and the board of supervisors

has fixed Monday, April 14th, as the

time for all parties interested to be

at the meeting of the supervisors and

present the case as they understand it.

The board gave consideration to the

case and ordered for \$10 and for \$10 each

month in the future in favor of Mrs.

Emma Walton. Warrants were also

issued for \$4 and \$4 a month for

order nullified. A warrant was

issued for \$10 was ordered drawn

in favor of J. E. Mitchell as part

payment for the construction of the Mich-

el school.

Reports were filed for the hospital,

organ and corner for the month of

March. The total number of children at

the orphanage for the month was 39; of

these six were discharged. There were

no deaths. The discharged patients

were: Joseph Davis, one of

unfortunate received while jumping

off a moving train in the Fresno yard.

The report of the hospital shows the

following facts: Thenceforth, there

were 28 admitted during the month;

4 died and 16 were discharged, leaving

107 at the end of the month. Those

who died, with their ages and nativ-

ities, were: James Mason, aged

34, native of Maine; A. A. Andrews,

aged 32, native of Ohio; Phillip Wil-

son, aged 54, native of England; Henry

Warren, aged 61, native of Virginia.

The question of the superior district

has been called up, but none of the

board seemed ready to vote. It is pro-

posed to take a small territory from

the superior district and give it to the

superior district, and it was continued

until some future time.

A FULL CONFESSION.

John Haines Tells of the Plans for a

Train Robbery.

From the Haines' Denial.

William King, who resides three miles

north of this city, was in Visalia yester-

day to call on his uncle, John Haines,

who is under arrest with others on the

charge of conspiring to rob the Gothen

train on the morning of March 19th.

King called on Haines with the pur-

pose of inducing him to give the whole

plot away, which he did yesterday in

the presence of Sheriff Maritt, and

District Attorney Lovell. Haines

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